

and he shall also record in said book the returns from the various voting precincts of the county. He shall also deliver one copy to the register of deeds, to be registered in his office in the record of elections. The clerk shall also immediately send a copy of his certificate, under the seal of his office, to the secretary at Raleigh, so that he may receive the same within twelve days after such election. The register of deeds for said county shall also, within the time herein prescribed, send to the said secretary a certified copy of said abstract or certificate of the clerk; and in case of the failure to make such returns within the time herein prescribed, the sheriff, clerk, and register of deeds, whose duty it is to so do, and who shall fail therein, shall forfeit and pay to the state the sum of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by the attorney-general, in the superior court of the county of Wake.

SEC. 66. That the secretary, within three days after the expiration of the time hereinbefore provided for the delivery to him of the said certificates and returns, shall, in the presence of such persons as may choose to attend, open the certificates and returns, and proceed to ascertain and determine the result: *Provided*, that if the returns of any county shall not by that time have been received by him, from the sheriff, clerk, or register of deeds, he shall order and compel a duplicate return from all, or from each of them, in such manner as he may think best; and for such purpose may adjourn from day to day, not to exceed ten days. The secretary, in canvassing said returns, shall merely add up the returns, as certified to him by the county returning officers, and it shall be his duty to disregard any such apparent clerical error as may not render it reasonably uncertain who was the person intended to be designated as voted for, and what was the number of votes actually received by any candidate. At the conclusion of the addition of the returns, the secretary shall make an abstract of all the votes cast, and shall copy the same, together with the original returns from the several counties, in the record of elections, and shall, under his hand and the seal of his office, certify to the governor the names of as many persons receiving the highest number of votes for electors of president and vice-president as the state may be entitled to in the electoral college. The governor shall, thereupon, immediately issue his proclamation, and cause the same to be published in some daily newspaper published in the city of Raleigh, wherein he shall set forth the names of the persons duly elected as electors, and warn each of them to attend at the capitol, in the city of Raleigh, at noon on the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday of December next after his election, at

One copy to be delivered to register of deeds, and he shall record it.

One copy to be sent to secretary.

Register of deeds also to send copy to secretary.

Penalty for failure to perform duties.

How secretary to open certificates and ascertain result.

Proviso. In case of failure to receive abstract from any county.

Adjournment.

Secretary only to add up returns.

Clerical errors to be disregarded.

Secretary to make abstract, &c. Abstracts to be recorded.

Secretary to certify to governor the name of person receiving greatest number of votes.

Duty of governor. Publication to be made.

When and where electoral college called to meet.